

**WILLIAMSBURG
ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD MINUTES
Tuesday, August 24, 2004**

CALL TO ORDER AND ATTENDANCE

The regular semimonthly Architectural Review Board meeting was held on Tuesday, August 24, 2004, at 6:30 p.m. in the third Floor Conference Room of the Municipal Building.

Chairman Williams called the meeting to order. Present in addition to Mr. Williams were Board members Mr. Hertzler, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Walker, Mr. Spence, and Mr. Watson. No Board members were absent. Also present was Zoning Administrator Murphy and Zoning Officer Beck.

CONSENT AGENDA

ARB#04-044 CWF/Williamsburg Lodge – 310 South England Street – Addition to approved plans – Approved.

ARB#04-085 CWF/Custis Tenement/202 West Duke of Gloucester Street – New Color Scheme – Approved.

ARB#04-086 CWF/Chownings Tavern/109-E East Duke of Gloucester Street – Awning – Approved.

ARB#04-087 CWF/Baskin Robbins/416 Prince George Street – Mechanical Screening – Approved.

ARB#04-089 CWF/Blue Talon Bistro/420 Prince George Street – Mechanical Screening – Approved.

ARB#04-090 Girard/452 Tyler Street – New Roof (Architectural Grade Shingles) – Approved.

ARB#04-091 Craig/712 Powell Street – New Roof (Cedar Shake to Architectural Grade Shingles) – Approved.

Mr. Williams motioned to approve consent agenda conditioned upon ARB #04-043 being removed for further discussion.

Recorded vote on the motion:

Aye: Mr. Hertzler, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Williams, Mr. Walker, Mr. Spence and Mr. Watson.

Nay: None.

Absent: None.

Abstain: Mr. Spence ARB #04-044, ARB #04-085, ARB #04-086, ARB #04-087 and ARB #04-089.

ARCHITECTURAL PRESERVATION DISTRICT

ARB#04-043 CWF/Conference Center – 310-F South England Street – Exterior Change to approved plans

Bill Hopkins, Glave & Holmes Architects, and Tory Gussman, Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, presented revised plans for the Williamsburg Lodge Conference Center. Mr. Walker noted he removed the application from the Consent Agenda to discuss the conference center due to the East Elevation enclosed walkway not changing from the original plan except for double doors changing to single doors. He asked if consideration had been given to adding brick columns to break up the Hardiplank siding along the walkway as requested during original review of the conference center.

Mr. Hopkins stated consideration had been giving to the idea but they decided not to make the change for the following reasons:

- Brick columns would project only four inches from the siding.
- The brick cornices were removed from the top windows which would result in inconsistency of materials from the top and bottom.
- A variety of landscaping will be installed along the walkway to help break up the siding.

He also noted the double doors were changed to single doors to meet code requirements. The Board members agreed landscaping would help break up the mass of Hardiplank siding on this elevation.

Mr. Williams motioned to approve ARB #04-043 as presented.

Recorded vote on the motion:

Aye: Mr. Hertzler, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Williams, Mr. Walker, and Mr. Watson.
Nay: None.
Absent: None.
Abstain: Mr. Spence.

ARB#04-084 Hart/505 Capitol Landing Road – Exterior Change (Replace wood siding, trim, shingles & windows)

Mr. Harry Hart returned to the Board seeking approval to replace wood siding with Hardiplank siding. He stated since the last meeting, he had Marine Chemist Service sample the siding for lead which resulted in a report noting a lead contamination of 14% which is high. He stated he would rather replace the siding with Hardiplank siding than have the lead contamination abated due to the

cost of abatement. He noted he was at the last City Council meeting and knew the outcome of the Bruton Parish Rectory appeal, but felt that the Board should not hold this house to the same standard because of its location away from the historic area and the houses in the neighborhood having mainly vinyl, aluminum, or asbestos siding.

Mr. Hertzler stated that this was his first meeting as an Architectural Review Board member and wanted to know a few details on the condition of the house. Mr. Hart noted that the house was built in 1946 with yellow pine wood siding with some portions rotten and splitting on the ends. Mr. Hertzler noted he recently purchased an older home with similar problems but he decided to abate the lead contamination and repaint the wood siding which turned out to be a good choice. Mr. Walker stated during the site visit after the last meeting, the split siding ranged from one inch to six inches and was scattered around the house. He noted overall the siding looked in good condition.

Mr. Watson stated that he would be in favor of the Hardiplank siding because he serves on the Architectural Review Board in the Historic Huntington Area of Newport News, which allows Hardiplank on historic buildings. He noted Hardiplank siding looks nice and helps individuals that do not have deep pockets.

A discussion followed with Board members agreeing to visit the issue of Hardiplank siding in the **Architectural Preservation District**. Staff was directed to visit Colonial Heights, Pinecrest and West Williamsburg to determine the type of siding that currently exists on the dwellings (i.e. aluminum, vinyl, asbestos, wood or brick). With this information staff could present their recommendation on the use of Hardiplank siding and if further consideration should be given to its use in other areas in the City and if the **Design Review Guidelines** should be changed. Mr. Williams stated if he had to vote on Mr. Hart's application today his vote would be no because it is not in compliance with the **Design Review Guidelines** just like the Bruton Parish Rectory. Mr. Spence concurred with Mr. Williams.

Mr. Hart request that his application be tabled to allow the Board to review the use of Hardiplank siding in the City. Board members noted that it may be some time before the Hardiplank issue is resolved.

CORRIDOR PROTECTION DISTRICT

ARB#04-088 KFC Restaurant/1545 Richmond Road – Demolition & New Construction of Restaurant

Steve Dearing, JRN, presented plans for the New KFC Restaurant. Mr. Dearing noted the following changes based on staff and ARB comments.

- The tower being a standing seamed metal roof, Benjamin Moore Pantone 484 (red), with a muted finish instead of a satin finished.
- The back of the tower being brick in stead of vinyl siding.
- The bands around the building being non-illuminated red metal with a muted finished. This eliminates the blue and red bands with illumination as originally purposed.
- The tile having a medium gray grout and instead of a black grout.
- Non-illuminated canvas awnings with red and off-white color to match building with side enclosures.
- The mechanical equipment to be hidden on the roof behind the four-foot parapet wall.
- A brick dumpster enclosure with wooden gates painted to match the building (the use of chain link for the gates is not acceptable).
- Borral Brick, Monticello with a straw color grout is proposed for the building.

Mr. Walker motioned to approved ARB #04-088 conditioned upon the above listed changes.

Recorded vote on the motion:

Aye: Mr. Hertzler, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Williams, Mr. Walker, Mr. Spence, and Mr. Watson.

Nay: None.

Absent: None.

Abstain: None.

SIGNS

ARB

SIGN#04-039 KFC Restaurant/1545 Richmond Road – Monument & Building Mounted Signs

Steve Dearing, JRN, presented the sign request and noted that the 20 square foot sign of the Colonel was proposed for the front of the building with 12 square feet of lettering for KFC on the side of the building. A revised monument sign was submitted which excluded the reader board. A discussion followed with Board Members noting the sign exceeds the colors allowed by the use of the credit card logos. It was noted that the sign must sit on a base that meets the ***Design Review Guidelines***. Mr. Dearing proposed a brick base with the height to meeting City Code which was acceptable to Board members.

Mr. Williams motioned to approve Sign ARB #04-039 conditioned upon the monument sign having a brick base, removing the credit card logos and centering the word buffet on the sign.

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Recorded vote on the motion:

Aye: Mr. Hertzler, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Williams, Mr. Walker, and Mr. Watson.

Nay: None.

Absent: Mr. Spence.

Abstain: None.

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The minutes were approved with minor changes.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Jason Beck
Zoning Officer